

City of JOLIET Illinois Newsletter

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Important Phone Numbers

**Police and Fire
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9-1-1

Police Non-Emergency
(815) 726-2491

**City Hall Information/
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(815) 724-4000

Complaint Line
(815) 724-4005

**Water & Sewer
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(815) 724-3820

**Building Dept./
Inspections**
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**Public Utilities
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(815) 724-4220

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(815) 724-4200

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SUMMER 2017

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS



City Prepares For Street Resurfacing

The Department of Public Works annually performs maintenance overlays on various streets within the City of Joliet. The City normally expends \$1,500,000 per year for this program. The 2017 City wide street resurfacing program shall be in the amount of \$1,516,373.

Homeowners are advised to seek alternative routes when a given street is being resurfaced accordingly. Please feel free to call the Department of Public Works at (815) 724-4200 should you have any further questions regarding the 2017 Roadway Resurfacing Program.

The following is a listing of streets to be resurfaced during the Summer 2017 Roadway Resurfacing Project:

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| 1. San Mateo Drive
(Ventura Drive - North End) | 17. Hollyberry Drive
(Brentwood Drive - George Avenue) | 32. Rosalind Street
(Fairview Avenue - California Avenue) |
| 2. Santa Barbara Court
(Brookridge Drive - East End) | 18. Edgerton Drive
(Sudbury Drive - Ingalls Avenue) | 33. Ada Street
(Cutter Avenue - Gage Street) |
| 3. Garden Street
(East of Pot Belly's Restaurant) | 19. Steward Lane
(Townsend Blvd. - North End) | 34. Ridgewood Avenue
(U.S. Route 6 - Walnut Street) |
| 4. Lewis & Clark Drive
(Gustav Lane - Hastings Drive) | 20. Country Oaks Drive
(Wesmere Parkway - Whispering Oaks Dr.) | 35. Stone Street
(N. Broadway Street - East End) |
| 5. Mystic Drive
(Gallatin Drive - 1800 Mystic Drive) | 21. Whispering Oaks Ct.
(Whispering Oaks Dr. - North End) | 36. Dearborn Street
(Ingalls Avenue - Theodore Street) |
| 6. Gallatin Drive
(Mystic Drive - West End) | 22. Arbor Falls Drive
(Arbor Gate Drive - Arbor Glen Drive) | 37. Fetz Avenue
(Ruby Street - South End) |
| 7. Timber Trail
(Lauren Drive - Falcon Drive) | 23. Whispering Oaks Drive
(Country Oaks Drive - Old Oaks Ct.) | 38. Sherry Lane
(Cornelius Avenue - North End) |
| 8. Ashwood Drive
(Wesmere Drive - Candle Wood Court) | 24. Old Oaks Court
(Whispering Oaks Drive - South End) | 39. Stryker Avenue
(W. Allen Street - Jefferson Street) |
| 9. Candle Wood Drive
(Candle Wood Court - Burgess Drive) | 25. Manor Oaks Drive
(Old Oaks Court - Tall Oaks Drive) | 40. Garfield Street
(Washington Street - Jefferson Street) |
| 10. Brindlewood Drive
(Burgess Drive - Wesmere Drive) | 26. Rosemont Drive
(Meadow Wood Drive - N. Essington Road) | 41. Fourth Avenue
(Hickory Creek - Rowell Avenue) |
| 11. Wesmere Drive
(Wesmere Parkway - Brindlewood Drive) | 27. Pamela Court
(Rosemont Drive - North End) | 42. Maude Avenue
(Richards Street - Neal Avenue) |
| 12. 1300 Kelly
(Curtis Avenue - North End) | 28. Cascade Lane
(Edgecreek Drive - Avondale Lane) | 43. Park Drive
(Cottage Place - Morgan Street) |
| 13. Bethel Drive
(Black Road - Walsh Way) | 29. Irondale Court
(Cascade Lane - West End) | 44. Singleton Place
(McKinley Street - West End) |
| 14. Kungs Way
(Bethel Drive - Walsh Way) | 30. Cascade Court
(Cascade Lane - West End) | 45. Doris Avenue
(Richards Street - Neal Avenue) |
| 15. Walsh Way (Bethel Drive - Kungs Way) | 31. Hickory Creek Drive
(Edgecreek Drive - Lambeth Lane) | 46. Neal Avenue
(Ella Avenue - Doris Avenue) |



City continues Emerald Ash Borer tree removal

The City of Joliet is continuing the process of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) tree removal in all areas of the City. There are approximately 6,000 ash trees to be removed by the end of 2017. City of Joliet Roadways Division crews will be working select weekends (Saturday and Sunday) to remove all of these ash trees this year. It is anticipated to be completed by December of 2017.

Concurrently the City of Joliet has a tree growing/planting program where 1,000 trees are planted each year in the areas where ash trees were removed. Please understand that it may take up to 10 years to replace trees in neighborhoods where ash trees were removed this year. In addition, tree planting has been ongoing in areas where ash trees were removed over the last several years as well.

Spanish translation of Newsletter available online

El Boletín de la ciudad de Joliet está disponible en español. Para ver una copia del boletín en español, por favor visita nuestra pagina cityofjoliet.info/what-s-new/city-newsletters

Yard Waste Pick-Up

The City of Joliet and Waste Management would like to remind residents of Joliet that yard waste collection will continue through Friday, December 7, 2017.

Residents should place all yard waste material out for collection no later than 7 a.m. on your collection day. Yard waste materials may be placed in one of the following containers: a rigid 33-gallon refuse-type container identified with a "YARD WASTE ONLY" sticker attached OR 32-gallon Kraft type paper bags. "YARD WASTE ONLY" stickers are only required for rigid 33-gallon containers.

The "YARD WASTE ONLY" stickers are available free of charge at all Jewel stores in the City of Joliet and at the City of Joliet Municipal Building at the Information Desk. Brush and branches may be cut into 4 foot lengths and securely bundled and tied with string or twine. Each bundle set out for collection should weigh no more than 50 pounds.

Unbundled brush and branches will not be collected. Please note that sod, whole trees, stumps, limbs greater than 3 inches in diameter, and dirt are not part of the weekly yard waste program. Residents can also rent or purchase 96-gallon yard waste totes by contacting the Waste Management Customer Service Center at (815) 280-7854. We appreciate your continued cooperation with the City's yard waste collection program.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello, Summer

*Message from Bob O'Dekirk,
Mayor of Joliet*

Dear Neighbor,

Hello to all of our residents, and I am happy to say that summer has arrived in Joliet! I hope everyone enjoys the weather and takes advantage of all that our City has to offer these next few months, including Splash Station Waterpark, Taste of Joliet, Joliet Slammers Baseball, NHRA and NASCAR racing, and the growing number of street festivals and events in downtown Joliet.



BOB O'DEKIRK
Mayor of Joliet

Many street repairs will be completed in the next few months. Please exercise caution in these areas and remember to watch for children when driving in our neighborhoods.

As a reminder, the Joliet City Council voted last year to increase the fine for illegal fireworks to \$500 and our Police Department will take action when necessary to enforce this. I hope everyone has a happy and safe 4th of July and enjoy the firework shows at Bicentennial Park on July 1st, the ATI Field at Joliet Memorial Stadium on July 4th, or at the Slammers Stadium on July 3rd and 4th.

Enjoy the summer!

If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see included in our newsletter, contact Peggy Thomas, Communications Coordinator for the City Manager's office, at pthomas@jolietcity.org or call (815) 724-3730.

Council Member At-Large Election

Mike Turk and Jan Hallums-Quillman were both re-elected to Council Members At Large seats during the April 4 election. Don "Duck" Dickinson was newly elected on April 4. Councilman Turk is now in his 9th term and Councilwoman Quillman is in her 4th term. Councilman Dickinson previously served on the Joliet Township High School District 204 Board.

For more information on Council Members At Large, you can read their bios on the City of Joliet's web page at cityofjoliet.info/government/city-council.



Pictured: At Large Council Members Don "Duck" Dickinson, Jan Hallums-Quillman and Mike Turk



Fireworks Safety

Promoting Safe & Responsible use of Consumer Fireworks

With fireworks season at hand, residents are reminded of the deadly dangers posed by fireworks.

Those at the greatest risk of injury are young children under the age of nine. Children often come in contact with devices that are perceived to be less powerful, such as sparklers and bottle rockets. However, all fireworks have the potential for causing damage and injury. Sparklers, for instance, burn at temperatures of above 1,500 degrees – temperatures high enough to melt glass.

The State of Illinois, Division of Fire Prevention, reported the highest number of fireworks-related injuries are caused by sparklers and firecrackers. "Please plan to attend the local firework displays in your community and let the trained professionals handle them," said Joliet Fire Chief Joe Formhals.

Pursuant to the Illinois Fireworks Use Act (425 ILCS 35), any consumer firework distributor,

company, association, group or retailer, must be registered and licensed with the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). In Illinois, it is illegal to possess, purchase, or use consumer fireworks without a consumer display permit obtained from local authorities. Individuals caught with controlled consumer fireworks in Illinois, who lack the necessary consumer display permit, could be subject to arrest.

Please remember that no fireworks are legal in Illinois. There are however, some devices that are considered to be legal including:

- Sparklers (Remember these burn at 1500° F)
- Some small cap guns
- Snake or glow worm pellets
- Some Smoke devices
- Trick noisemakers known as party poppers
- Booby traps
- Snappers
- Trick matches
- Cigarette loads

For more information on fireworks safety, please visit FireworksSafety.org or sfm.illinois.gov.

WHERE TO SEE FIREWORKS

- **SATURDAY, JULY 1** - Bicentennial Park, 201 W. Jefferson, Annual Fireworks show. The following bands will play before the fireworks begin: Outdrejus will be the first band from 5-6 p.m., followed by Junkyard Dogs then Hot Mess will headline. The fireworks will be at 9:30 p.m. and are free to attend. The Park is located on the west side of the DesPlaines River across from downtown Joliet.
- **MONDAY, JULY 3 AND TUESDAY, JULY 4** - Fireworks will be set off after the Joliet Slammers games. The stadium is located at 1 Mayor Art Schultz Dr. Game time is

7:05 p.m. both nights. Fireworks should begin at approximately 10 p.m. each evening. July 3 will have regular ticket prices but on July 4th you can get a ticket to the game/fireworks for only \$2. Go to jolietslammers.com or call the box office at (815) 722-2287 for more information.

- **TUESDAY, JULY 4** - ATI Field at Joliet Memorial Stadium, located at 3000 W. Jefferson St. will be hosting it's 71st annual Fireworks show. The gates will open at 6 p.m. to the public. At 8 p.m. there will be a small program and the lights get turned down at 9:20 p.m. and the fireworks show begins. The show is free to attend.

Disability Resource Center Now Open

Exciting changes are taking place at The Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living (WGCIL): a new name and a new location. Effective April 10, 2017, WGCIL started doing business as Disability Resource Center (DRC) and is located at its newly purchased office at 77 N. 129th Infantry Drive in Joliet.

The Center's decision to purchase an office building is a step toward its financial independence. The building, which is approximately eight years old, is fully accessible, is located on two fixed bus routes, and offers better parking and better visibility for visitors and newcomers. The Center will continue to focus on offering valuable and valued resources to persons with disabilities — of all ages and all types. The Center's unique services, which are not available anywhere else in the Will and Grundy County areas, include Independent Living Skills Training, Information and Referral, Peer Counseling, Advocacy, Transitional Services, Assistive Technology Program for Children, and Free Amplified Telephone Program. These areas of focus reflect where the staff can best use their expertise and how the agency can best work as a member of the Illinois Network of CILs to promote independent living.

Thank you for your continued support of the Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living/Disability Resource Center. Please contact the Disability Resource Center at (815) 729-0162 if you have any questions or comments.

Got Wildlife?

Joliet Township Animal Control offers a trapping program to catch those wildlife critters that visit our homes from time to time. For more information contact Joliet Township Animal Control for trapping fees and trap availability at (815) 725-0333 or visit joliettownshipanimalcontrol.net. Joliet Township Animal Control is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., except on observed holidays and is located at 2807 McDonough St. in Joliet.

Water Conservation Program 2017

The following water restrictions are in place for the City of Joliet water customers year-round per City of Joliet Code of Ordinances, Sec. 31-126: Lawn watering can only be done at even numbered addresses on even numbered day and at odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

The only exception to the odd/even water restriction applies to homeowners and/or businesses who intend to install sod.

To receive proper permit for this exception, customers should contact the Department of Public Utilities, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (815) 724-4220, prior to sod installation. There is no restriction in filling swimming pools, or watering trees, shrubs, flowers, and vegetable gardens.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Department of Public Utilities publishes an annual water quality report which explains where the City's water comes from, the treatment process, and how it is delivered to our customers. This year's report was released in June. The report can be found at www.cityofjoliet.info/waterqualityreport or a paper copy can be obtained by calling (815) 724-4230.

SAFETY & HELP

Interested In Hosting a Block Party (Open Air Meeting)?

Here's What You Need To Do...

If you are interested in hosting a Block Party it is necessary for you to allow enough time (minimum 4 weeks) for processing and to acquire an approval letter from the City of Joliet Business Services Department, located in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. A state photo-ID of the contact individual and signatures of the residents on the street proposed to be closed must be submitted with the application. The City of Joliet does not provide barricades and parked vehicle usage is prohibited. Please keep in mind that barricades should be easily moveable for emergency accessibility. Depending on the requested event situation, additional applications may be required. City of Joliet Code of Ordinance Chapter 26, Article V allows for the City right-of-way to be temporarily closed, if approved.

The Open Air Meeting (Block Party) Permit Application can be found on our City website at cityofjoliet.info, click on the "Permits & Forms" button found on our homepage, then click on Business Services under the "City Clerk" section, and then scroll down and click on the "Open Air Meeting (Block Party) Application" link to open the application. There is no fee for a Block Party/Open Air Meeting but if a sound permit is needed, the cost for that is \$20. Contact the Business Services Department at businessservices@jolietcity.org or (815) 724-3905 for any questions.

PET OWNERS

Pets can offer a lifetime of enjoyment and companionship. Before considering bringing a four legged furry friend into your life... remember your pet completely relies on you to feed, walk and care for all of its daily needs. For those residents who reside within Joliet City limits and already own a pet or pets please remember the following;

- **Collar and license tag(s) are required.** All pets that reside within Joliet City limits (Kendall and Will Counties) need to be properly collared and licensed with current vaccinations and rabies tags.
 - » Pets residing within Will County can contact Joliet Township Animal Control for more information on vaccination and rabies requirements at (815) 725-0333.
 - » Pets residing within Kendall County can contact Kendall County Animal Control for more information on vaccination and rabies requirements at (630) 553-9256.
- **Animal(s) running at large are prohibited.** All pets need to be tethered on a leash or under control of the owner. Report animals running at large to Joliet Animal Control at (815) 725-0333 or Joliet's Non-Emergency Police line at (815) 726-2491.
- **Barking dog(s).** Excessive barking, howling or crying that would cause a disturbance to the peace should be reported to the Police or Animal Control. Report noise ordinance violations to the Joliet Police Department's Non-Emergency line at (815) 726-2491. If barking is caused by animal cruelty conditions report this violation also to Joliet Township Animal Control at (815) 725-0333.
- **Cruelty to animal(s).** Report pets being left in a yard during extreme weather conditions to Joliet Township

Animal Control at (815) 725-0333, for residents living within Will County. For Joliet City residents that reside within Kendall County limits, please report to Kendall County Animal Control at (630) 553-9256.

- **Dangerous and vicious dog(s).** It is the duty of every dog owner to prevent their animal from biting or attacking any person, animal or property. If you or your pet have been bitten or attacked and you are injured, seek medical attention. An investigation of the attack should then be initiated by contacting the Joliet Township Animal Control at (815) 725-0333, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. You may also contact the Joliet Police Department's general number (815) 724-3100, Non-Emergency (815) 726-2491, and in Emergency 9-1-1. Any owner having knowledge that their dog has bitten or attacked any person or animal should notify the Joliet Police Department immediately.
- **Owner knowingly failed to pick up after pet(s) while out on a walk.** Failure to pick up after your pet(s) and properly dispose of your pet's waste while out on walks within Joliet City limits is prohibited by City ordinance. Proof of the animal that is doing this along with the address information of the pet owner is required when reporting this type of violation. Report pet waste violations to the City Hall - Information Desk at (815) 724-4005.
- **Owner knowingly failed to keep all exterior property and premises in a clean, safe and sanitary condition by allowing the accumulation of animal waste.** Report residential pet waste violations to the City Hall - Information Desk at (815) 724-4005.

Get Your Free City of Joliet Citizen "GORequest" App Today

Did you know that the City of Joliet offers a free mobile device app that enables residents to easily report non-emergency concerns? Over grown grass violations, trash and junk in yards/alleys, street light outages and more can be reported to the City right from your mobile device.



Using your device's QR reader, scan the QR code to download and start using this free app today. Residents can also download and start using this free app by searching for "GORequest" in their mobile device's app store. For more

information please contact the City Hall - Information Desk at (815) 724-4000.

Pay your City of Joliet water bill automatically

The City of Joliet offers payment of your water bill directly from your checking account. Enjoy these special features:

- » The program is absolutely FREE! Easy, no-hassle application
- » No lost payments, no late fees, and no checks ever need to be written

- » No more standing in long lines
- » No more running out of stamps or envelopes
- » You will continue to receive a copy of your bill

To enroll in this complimentary payment service, you may visit the City's website at cityofjoliet.info or call the Utility Billing Department at (815) 724-3820.

SUMMER POOL SAFETY

Tips on how to Pool Safely this Summer

The City of Joliet requires permits for the installation of swimming pools. Fences are required around swimming pools by City Ordinance. If you are installing a pool, let the City of Joliet's Building Department help you plan a safe and suitable location. All above-ground swimming pool permits are free. Generally speaking, pools are defined as any artificial body of water containing water over twenty-four (24) inches in depth. Pools are not to be located in any front yard or corner lot side yard. Contact the City of Joliet's Building Department at 815-724-4070 or visit City Hall.

Besides insurance coverage, there are a number of different ways that homeowners can reduce the liability that comes with owning a pool. Insurance providers often require some of these precautions before they will issue a policy. While most of these measures will not absolve homeowners of underlying liability, they can go a long way in preventing incidents that trigger litigious situations, not to mention tragedies. Though not an exhaustive list, here are a number of common ways to reduce liability:

- **Pool Covers** - Using a pool cover can be a great way not only to deter accidents involving children, but also prevent uninvited guests from swimming in your pool. Covers should be used regularly, not just during periods of infrequent use. All pool and spa covers should be in proper working order.
- **Fences / Gates** - The most obvious way to decrease risk is to enclose the pool with a fence with gates that are kept locked. An additional step would be to install some kind of pool alarm for the gate, building doors or windows with access to the pool area, or the pool itself. Anyone with a pool is required to have fencing around the pool or encasing the entire yard. The fencing shall be a minimum height of four (4) feet and installed in such a manner as to prevent uncontrolled access by children from public areas or from adjacent lots. The fence and gate should keep unsupervised children out of the pool area, since children are particularly susceptible to drowning in residential pools. Gates should be self-closing and self-latching.
- **Remove Distractions** - Remove any pool toys, floating devices, and other things that may pique the interest of children and ultimately lead to drownings or other accidents.
- **Supervision** - Ensure that there is always



some kind of adult supervision when children are in or near the pools. Much like public-use pools need lifeguards at all times, residential pool owners should not assume that even experienced swimmers will be okay. Never allow anyone to swim alone or unsupervised.

- **Phone / Communication** - Another great way to reduce risk is to have a cellphone or landline close enough to the pool that if an emergency occurs, help can be called as quickly as possible.
- **Safety Devices** - In addition to providing life jackets to inexperienced swimmers, pools should have a safety pole and other devices (ring buoy, first aid kit, etc.) to help struggling swimmers out of the pool. Built-in ladders can also reduce the likelihood of accident by providing an easier way out of the pool.
- **CPR** - Take a class and become certified in CPR (and First Aid) so that life-saving techniques can be used in case of emergency.
- **Pool Filters** - Keep children away from pool filters or other parts of the pool where suction may entrap those who are unable to escape.
- **Non-Slick Surfaces** - Installing non-slick surfaces can help prevent injuries from falls onto the pool deck or into the water.

Other obvious things pool owners can do include forbidding alcohol in or immediately around the pool, prohibiting swimming during rain/thunderstorms, keeping electrical devices away from the pool, and avoiding swimming after eating or when feeling fatigued. Also, when installing a pool please make sure the electricity was properly installed and inspected. Finally, remember that pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and in good repair at all times. Visit poolsafely.gov for additional tips and advice.

Remember that constant supervision is an important step to ensure safety. Have a happy and safe summer. If you see a violation of city ordinance, please file your complaint using the GO Request App found on Apple iTunes or Google Play or call (815) 724-4000.

Fire Pit Safety



The Joliet Fire Department would like to remind residents of the proper methods for using a commercial fire pit within the city limits.

Commercially sold steel outdoor fire pits that are on legs attached to a steel bottom, wire mesh sides and a top are approved.

A fire extinguisher or garden hose must be available to extinguish the fire, if necessary.

Approved outdoor pits shall be not less than 15 feet away from a structure or fence.

Fuel (wooden logs or artificial logs) shall fit inside the confines of the wire mesh, and the top shall be in place to be legal. Wooden pallets, treated deck wood, leaves, dimensional lumber, or garbage shall not be used as fuel in an outdoor fire pit.

Be aware that although it is legal to burn in an approved outdoor fire pit, if it is believed to be offensive or objectionable by the complainant due to smoke, flames, sparks, or odor omissions, then the homeowner shall extinguish the fire immediately. In addition, a police officer on the scene may issue a compliance ticket to the homeowner for creating a public nuisance or being in violation of the International Fire Code 2003 Section 307.2.2 "Prohibited Open Burning" which states:

"Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the homeowner or the fire department of open burning which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation."



Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park

BILLIE LIMACHER BICENTENNIAL PARK & THEATRE

It's festival season! Enjoy the beautiful city park while listening to rock, jazz or country and eating a tasty Billie Dog. Watch for our new events, like the Women's Empowerment Conference. As always, parking is free.
Location: 201 West Jefferson Street.
(815) 724-3761, bicentennialpark.org.

July 1 » 5 p.m.
INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION
Free admission
Kick off with 2016 Battle of the Bands winner, Outdrejus, followed by Junkyard Dogs and Hot Mess, all on the pavilion. Tommy Slab and Tamara Martinez on the South side of Jefferson. Entertainment is everywhere! Fireworks are at 9:30 p.m.

July 6, 13, 20, 27 August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 » 6:30 p.m.
CONCERT ON THE HILL
Free admission
For our 43rd year, Bicentennial Park brings its FREE Concerts to Joliet every Thursday June 1 through August 31, weather permitting. Bring a blanket or chair and partake of some beer or wine while enjoying our talented performers. Watch for Country Night, Swing Dance, Polka Fest and 50's and 60's Back-To-School Night.

July 15 and 16 » 2 p.m.
SINGING IN THE RAIN
\$5
Summer Time On Stage presents the full length musical produced and performed by camp students ages 5 - 18 years.

July 22 » 5 p.m.
BATTLE OF THE BANDS
\$ TBD
Experience some of the best bands in the area as they compete for cash prizes and performance opportunities. Watch for an announcement of a Special Guest.

July 28 - 30, August 4 - 6 » 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday - 2 p.m. Sunday
HAIRSPRAY
\$15/ \$12 students and seniors
Joliet Drama Guild presents this wonderful wacky musical comedy for your enjoyment.
JDG tickets/ reservations: 877-JDG (534)-1933 (leave voicemail), reservations@jolietdramaguild.org

August 12 » 6 p.m.
RIVERFEST
Free admission
Eddie Ray entertains while you stroll along the river walk, enjoying the beautifully decorated boats as they light up the evening.

August 19 » 12 - 5 p.m.
ART 4 EVERYONE
Free admission
People of all ages and abilities show off their talents with open mic and artwork on display. Share a lunch from the grill as you make new friends. Presented in affiliation with TADA, Cornerstone, and Will County Center for Independent Living.

August 26 » 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
"LIGHT THE FIRE" WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE
\$15
Take an in-depth look at women as seen in media, politics, and finance, then Light the Fire to a plan of action. Listen to female experts in each of the fields as they share their experiences. Network with people in business at a cocktail reception following the conference.

August 27 » Time TBD
A THANK YOU TO BILLIE
\$ TBD
Celebrate the lady, who made our park possible, with special guests, dining, cocktails, music, and memories. Contact the park for details and reservations.

September 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and October 1 » Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. & Sunday at 2 p.m.
THEATRE AT ITS FINEST
\$12 advance/ \$15 door
Latitude 41° presents a play that is yet to be named. For more information and Lat 41° tickets: (331) 725-2841.

Summer Heats Up at Route 66 Raceway & Chicagoland Speedway

July 6-9 » ALL DAY
20TH ANNUAL NHRA ROUTE 66 NATIONALS AT ROUTE 66 RACEWAY
Cost: General Admission and Reserved tickets start at \$46
The world's greatest drag racers light up The World's Premier Drag Racing Facility at the 20th Annual NHRA Route 66 Nationals at Route 66 Raceway July 6-9, 2017. See stars like John Force, Ron Capps, Antron Brown and Erica Enders-Stevens take to the track. Every ticket is a pit pass and your all-access pass into the epicenter of the drivers and teams as they prep these 10,000-horsepower machines. Feel the rumble beneath your feet, smell the nitro and prepare to be blown away by dragsters exceeding speeds over 300 mph. Four days of racing await and you can experience one or all of them.

August 19 » ALL DAY
D'ARCY ROUTE 66 CLASSIC AT ROUTE 66 RACEWAY
Cost: Adults \$20, Kids (12 and younger): \$5
A tribute to all things vintage, the Route 66 Classic is the ultimate good ole days event, paying homage to the early drag racing and hot rod culture. From Nostalgia Funny Car racing down the dragstrip, Vintage Faire Market, Pin-Up Contest, Live Tattooing, live entertainment to the Classic Car Cruise-In - the Route 66 Classic is a quarter-mile blast down memory lane.

September 14 - 17 » ALL DAY
CHICAGOLAND SPEEDWAY - FOUR-DAY NASCAR WEEKEND
Cost: Prices vary - Kids tickets are FREE certain days and \$25 off Cup Sunday



Four days of NASCAR racing and five nights of camping return September 14 - 17 at the Magnificent Mile and a Half. Thursday night features the ARCA racing series SCOTT 150. Friday night, the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race under the lights in the Chicagoland 225. The rising stars of NASCAR battle in the NASCAR XFINITY Series Chicagoland 400 on September 16 as a precursor to the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Chicagoland 400 on September 17. A 40-car field filled with the greatest stock car drivers in the world take on our 1.5-mile oval as 16 of those racers begin their championship journey. Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Tales of the Turtles 400 on September 17. Chicagoland sets the tone for the Championship. Fans can enjoy a pre-race concert by country music artist Josh Turner.

Visit ChicagolandSpeedway.com for more information.

Visit Gallery Seven

Gallery Seven, established in 2007, is a fine art gallery featuring the work of local artists and is located in the heart of downtown Joliet at 116 N. Chicago St. Works on display include fine art photography in a variety of styles and subject matter. Jewelry, Fiber Art, Ceramics, Paintings and other gift items are also available for purchase. Please call (815) 483-4310 for more information.

Special Exhibits at Gallery Seven

July 12- August 25
August 25 - Reception 6-8 p.m..
Photographic Arts Society Annual Summer Show

August 30- September 27
September 17- Reception 2-4 p.m..
Shades of Me
Work by Donna Nevels

All events at Gallery Seven are free and open to the public. Gallery Hours are Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month 10 a.m. - noon.

Library Events

JOLIET
Public Library
Read · Explore · Ask · Discover

All programs are free to attend. For more information or to register visit jolietlibrary.org or call (815) 740-2660.

Ottawa Street Branch: 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet • **Black Road Branch:** 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

July 10 » 6-7:30 p.m.

MUSICAL SING-ALONG

Black Road Branch

Grades 7-12, registration opens May 1

Do you love musicals? Come test your knowledge of all things about musicals followed up by a sing-along.

July 11 » 2-3 p.m.

THE FROG LADY

Black Road Branch

Children of all ages with adult, no registration required

Kids can meet more than 20 live animals and learn the similarities and differences between reptiles and amphibians.

July 12 » 1-2 p.m.

JEANIE B!

Ottawa Street Branch

Children of all ages, no registration required

A Billboard and Parents Choice award winner, Jeanie B's shows are jammed-packed with dancing, sing-a-longs, and interactive music. Everyone goes home happy.

July 13 » 6-7:30 p.m.

CODE SOCIETY

Ottawa Street Branch

Grades 7-12, no registration required

Reign a Minecraft or Amazing World of Gumball universe of your own creation. No coding experience required.

July 14 » 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

FIRST AID AND CPR CERTIFICATION

Ottawa Street Branch

Grades 9-12, registration opens May 1

Presented by the American Red Cross. The courses in this program teach skills that participants need to know to give immediate care to a suddenly injured or ill person until more advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. This is a 5 hour class. We will take short breaks. Please bring a lunch. Light snacks and water will be provided. Two-year certification will be earned.

July 14 » 4:30-7 p.m.

NERF GUN WARS

Black Road Branch

Grades 5-8, registration opens May 1

Join us as the library is transformed into a nerf gun battlefield.

July 20 » 2-3:30 p.m.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST SING-ALONG

Black Road Branch

Children of all ages with adult, no registration required

Be our guest! Please join us in singing and dancing along to the classic cartoon film Beauty and the Beast.

July 22 » 2-3:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON TEA WITH JANE AUSTEN

Adults, registration required
Black Road Branch

Ms. Austen's first three novels, Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice and Mansfield Park are published, and Emma is complete. She visits us from the autumn of 1815, the most vibrant and hopeful time of her life. Drawing from her letters, juvenilia, and novels, this 45-minute performance delves into the personal life of one of the most beloved and intriguing novelists of the 19th century. Learn about her exotic cousin Eliza, her mentor and friend Madame LeFroy and the loves and losses that shaped her life and informed her perception of the world. Suitable for both the casual reader of her novels and the most devoted "Janeite".

July 25 » 6-7 p.m.

BULLET JOURNALING

Black Road Branch

Grades 7-12, registration opens May 1

Learn the art of Bullet Journaling, a fun & creative way to organize and prioritize your life. Notebooks will be provided.

July 26 » 1:30-4:30 p.m.

OH! DOMINOES!

Ottawa Street Branch

Children of all ages, no registration required
Let's turn the library into a giant domino trail using REAL BOOKS. Come add some books to our book dominos to see how long we can make it before knocking it all down.

August 2 » 6-7:30 p.m.

ADULT ZENTANGLE NIGHT

Black Road Branch

Adults, registration required
The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Zentangle can be done by almost anyone. It increases focus, memory, creativity and joy. Registration is required. All materials will be provided.

August 2, 16 & 30 » 6-8:30 p.m.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION GROUP

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults only, no registration required

Are you new to speaking English? This group lets you practice your newly-learned English skills in an informal, non-judgmental setting.

August 4 » 1-3 p.m.

BINGO

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults over 18 only, no registration required

Come and wait for your numbers to be called, have some snacks, and mingle with friends at Bingo.

Join in the fun and try to win prizes.

August 11 » 1:30-3 p.m.

BEGINNING GENEALOGY RESEARCH AT THE LIBRARY

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults, registration opens May 1
Learn how to use the resources available at the library to start or build on your genealogy research.

August 21 » 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY

Both Library Locations

All ages with adult, no registration required

Our Solar Eclipse Party is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The first 250 guests at each branch will receive special viewing glasses.

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

September is Library Card Sign-Up month. Stop by either library location in September for more information.

September 7 » 6:30-7:30 p.m.

THE ORGANIZED FAMILY

Black Road Branch

Adults, registration required
Professional Organizer Beth Randall will present tips for families with busy school-aged kids. Learn to set routines and schedules, assign chores and how to handle daily paperwork and artwork.

Joliet Area Historical Museum Activities

The Joliet Area Historical Museum is located at 204 N Ottawa St, Joliet, IL 60432. Since its opening in the fall of 2002, the museum's main exhibition gallery serves as an introduction to the many stories of the Joliet area and its people. Free parking is available in the Museum parking lot at the corner of Ottawa and Webster Streets. Metered parking is available curb side. For further event details as they are scheduled, please visit jolietmuseum.org or call (815) 723-5201 for all of our exciting Museum happenings. The Museum is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays from Noon - 5 pm. General

Admission is \$7 Adults, \$6 Seniors (60+), \$6 Full-time students with valid school ID and \$4 Youth (Ages 4-12). Admission is free to Museum Members and Children ages 3 and under.

Now thru September 17 JOLIET AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Cost: General Admission
Come check out this temporary exhibit honoring local area Sports Hall of Famers. Also, make sure you see the Artifact of the Month display, located on the 2nd floor by the Discovery Room.
Are you in the Hall of Fame and would like to donate a piece of

memorabilia for display? Please contact Heather at (815) 723-5201 x233 or h.bigeck@jolietmuseum.org.

July 13 » 7:30 p.m.

ROOFTOP CONCERT - GREAT MOMENTS IN VINYL

Joliet Area Historical Museum -

Outdoor Rooftop

\$8 Museum Members/Students & \$10 General Public

July 20 » 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

CRAFT BEER TASTING ON OUTDOOR ROOFTOP

Joliet Area Historical Museum -

Outdoor Rooftop

\$19 Museum Members & \$22 General Public

August 10 » 7:30 p.m.

ROOFTOP CONCERT - CLASSICAL BLAST

Joliet Area Historical Museum -

Outdoor Rooftop
\$8 Museum Members/Students & \$10 General Public

August 25 » 7:30 p.m.

ROOFTOP CONCERT - M&R RUSH

Joliet Area Historical Museum -

Outdoor Rooftop

\$8 Museum Members/Students & \$10 General Public

September 15 » 7:30 p.m.

ROOFTOP CONCERT - MATTHEW CURRY

Joliet Area Historical Museum -

Outdoor Rooftop

\$8 Museum Members/Students & \$10 General Public

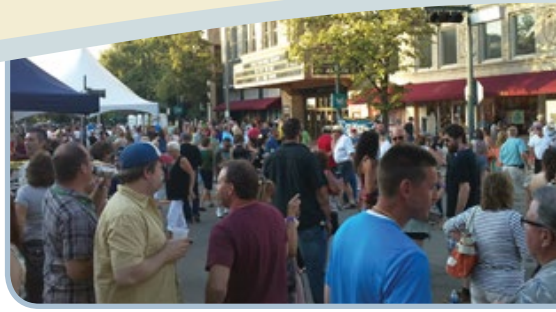
September 23rd » 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

GALAXY COMIC BOOK & ART EXPO

Ages 13 - Adult: \$10; 12 & Under: FREE

This Expo will immerse you in the world of comic books and fantasy art; bringing together fans, collectors, and even future writers and artists of tomorrow. Perfect for those who collect comics, those who like to casually read them, and those that enjoy the look of fantasy art. Spend the day talking with the artists who bring these worlds to life. This is an expo for the beginner as well as the biggest collector of comics and art. Come play the free scavenger hunt game and try your hand at naming the popular movie depicted on the miniature paintings. Winners will receive free raffle tickets for amazing prizes. For more information, please visit jolietmuseum.org and facebook.com/Galaxy-Comic-Book-and-Fantasy-Art-Expo

Downtown Events



July 6 » 4-10 p.m.

NITRO NITE

Downtown Joliet on Chicago Street, between Jefferson & Cass Streets Nitro Nite is an exhilarating event that will give you the chance to meet NHRA drivers, enjoy vendors, hot food, LIVE music, and ice-cold beverages. Admission is free.

August 5 » 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

KIDZFEST

Downtown Joliet on Chicago Street, between Jefferson & Cass Streets Kidzfest is a free event that includes many types of interactive, educational and fun activities for kids. Visit the Lewis University Kids Campus and numerous other vendors and entertainers planning special activities.

August 12 » 1 - 6 p.m.

BLUES & BREWS ON 66

Downtown Joliet on Chicago Street, between Jefferson & Cass Streets

Don't miss our second year of this exciting festival that embraces the history of blues in Joliet. Blues & Brews on 66 combines a blues fest with a craft beer fest. We will again feature live entertainment by multiple blues artists, cold brews, and food vendors. This year admission to the blues fest is free. There is a cost for the craft beer tasting VIP area.

September 8 » 7:30 p.m.

LORETTA LYNN with SPECIAL GUEST EMMY ROSE

Rialto Square Theatre, 102 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois Ticket Prices: \$49 - \$79 Country music great, Loretta Lynn will, again, grace the stage of the Rialto Square Theatre. Lynn has earned recognition in the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Songwriters Hall of Fame and has the honor of being the first woman CMA Entertainer of the Year. Special Guest Emmy Rose continues the family tradition in this performance.

September 9 » 5 - 11 p.m.

FIESTA EN LA CALLE

Downtown Joliet, along Jefferson St. between Ottawa & Scott Streets Cost: \$5 in advance / \$10 at the gate / Free for children 12 & under Outdoor street festival in the heart of downtown Joliet featuring live music, beer tents, authentic Mexican food, and kids' zone.

September 13 » 4 - 10 p.m.

RACE FAN RALLY

Downtown Joliet on Chicago Street, between Jefferson & Cass Streets Don't miss one of the biggest single-day NASCAR fan fests in the Midwest! Race Fan Rally is an annual single-day NASCAR fan fest held on the Wednesday before the Sprint Cup races at Chicagoland Speedway in September. Race Fan Rally includes live music entertainment, vendors, beer tents, driver appearances, a Racecar Simulator, cars on display and is concluded with a firework display. Admission is free.

Severe Weather Update

The peak months for severe weather events in the United States happen between March and October, but severe weather can occur at any time.

What is the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning?

Both watches and warnings are issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Watches are issued out of their office in Norman Oklahoma, Warning are issued out of the National Weather Service's (NWS) local office. In our case they come out of their Romeoville office.

A Tornado Watch is issued because atmospheric conditions are right for the creation of tornados. Watches typically cover a large geographic area-numerous counties or even an entire state.

A Tornado Warning is issued when a tornado has been sighted by a trained weather spotter, or is indicated by weather radar. At this point there is imminent danger to life and property, you must move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building, and avoid windows. Warnings typically encompass a smaller area than a Watch, and again are issued by the local office of the National Weather Service.

The City of Joliet has 27 Outdoor weather sirens located throughout the community. These are meant to alert individuals that are working or playing outside, of pending

severe weather conditions. The sirens are not designed to be heard indoors. It is assumed that if residents are indoors, they would be listening to the radio or television in order to get weather updates.

A device that every homeowner should have is a weather radio, which can be purchased at any hardware store. They silently sit on your table, and only alert if a watch or warning is issued for the resident's geographic area.

Finally, there are many free smart phone applications that will alert you in the event of severe weather in your area. There are other applications that can provide you with real time weather radar. NOAA offers a free version.

Please remember to stay alert. Severe weather is not to be taken lightly.

Joliet Park District Summer Events

The Joliet Park District offers many activities all over Joliet from the many parks and the 3 golf courses to the Inwood Athletic Club, and Splash Station Waterpark. Please visit jolietpark.org or call (815) 741-7275 for more information. Just a few of the many activities include the following:

The Joliet Park District has Concerts in the Park every third Friday at Preservation Park (710 Taylor St.) from 6:30 p.m. - dusk. The concerts are free. Don't forget to bring a picnic basket and lawn chairs.

- July 21 » **Cadillac Groove (Blues, Funk, Soul & Rock)**
- August 18 » **Split Decision (Rock & Country)**
- September 15 » **Anthem (Classic Rock)**

Movies in the park is a free Joliet Park District family-friendly event. Bring a blanket and snacks. Concessions will be sold and movies start at dusk. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be cancelled.

- July 7 » **SING**
Theodore Crossing Park, Cambria Drive (between Fitzner Drive and Dauphin Drive)
- July 21 » **Moana**
Preservation Park (710 Taylor St.)
- August 4 » **Finding Dory**
Inwood Park (3450 W. Jefferson St.)

Long Distance and Day Trips are some of the many adult activities that are offered. Long Distance Trips include a trip to Vermont & New Hampshire from August 28-September 5 and a trip to Mount Rushmore, the Badlands & the Black Hills of South Dakota from September 24-30. Day trips include a trip to the Sandwich Fair on September 7 and restaurant trips to the Brickstone Brewery on August 14 and the Turf Room in North Aurora on September 11.

Joliet Slammers

The Joliet Slammers will host the 2017 Frontier League All-Star Game in Joliet with events running July 11 and 12. Events include the Bill Lee Golf Outing hosted by Mistwood Golf Club on July 11, followed by the Home Run Derby presented by MK Orthopaedics that night at 7:05 pm at the Slammers Stadium. On July 12, the Frontier League Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Luncheon will be held in the Grand Ballroom of Joliet Union Station. The All-Star Game will follow at 7:05 pm. Tickets are on sale for the events and can be purchased at jolietslammers.com or by calling the Box Office at (815) 722-2287. The last All-Star game held in Joliet was in 2004. All-Stars, league staff, and fans from all 11 other teams in the league will be coming into Joliet for the events.

The Slammers continue with games at home through September 3, including top promotional nights such as Country Night on July 21, Royalty Night on July 22, Stand up for Blue Night on August 9, Princess Night on August 11, and Star Wars Night on August 12. Military Appreciation Night is July 5, Pet Days are on July 18 and August 13, Halloween Night is on September 1 and many more. On Tuesdays, all reserved seats start at just \$2 and every Friday home game there are post game fireworks. New this year are Saturday fireworks after games on July 22 and August 12. It's a great place to come with friends for a night out or to bring your family.